

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES ACT; KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 13, Museum and Library Services Act of 2003; and H.R. 14, amended, Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

PENSION SECURITY ACT—NEW PENSION PROTECTIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on “The Pension Security Act: New Pension Protections to Safeguard the Retirement Savings of American Workers.” Testimony was heard from Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank; H.R. 258, amended, American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003; H.R. 239, Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act; H.R. 659, Hospital Mortgage Insurance Act of 2003; and H.R. 657, Emergency Securities Response Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved for submission to the Committee on the Budget a committee print entitled “Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.”

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Government Reform: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved the following: an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress; and Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

OVERSIGHT—NORTH KOREA’S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held an oversight hearing on North Korea’s Nuclear Program: The Challenge to Stability in Northeast Asia. Testimony was heard from James A. Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

FEDERAL R&D BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for fiscal year 2004. Testimony was heard from John Marburger, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Samuel W. Bodman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce; Rita R. Colwell, Director, NSF; and Robert Card, Under Secretary, Energy, Science and Environment, Department of Energy.

MEDICARE REGULATORY AND CONTRACTING REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform. Testimony was heard from Thomas Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FREE ELECTRONIC FILING NATIONAL TAXPAYER ADVOCATE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Free Electronic Filing National Taxpayer Advocate Annual Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Robert Wenzel, Acting Commissioner; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposal to create a terrorist threat integration center, including consolidating intelligence analysis, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.